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SUBJECT: PNP SCHEDULES ANNUAL CONFERENCE FOR SEPTEMBER 16-19

1. THE RULING PEOPLE'S NATIONAL PARTY (PNP) WILL HOLD ITS THIRTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE SEPTEMBER 16-19. THE FIRST THREE DAYS WILL BE CLOSED SESSIONS BUT THE CONFERENCE WILL END WITH A PUBLIC MEETING AT WHICH PRIME MINISTER MICHAEL MANLEY WILL SPEAK.

2. THE PNP CLEARLY INTENDS TO MAKE THE FINAL DAY OF THE ANNUAL MEETING A PRE-ELECTION SPECTACULAR. IN ADDITION TO TRUMPETING ITS ACCOMPLISHMENTS -- IN PART THROUGH A FILM SETTING FORTH THE PNP'S ACHIEVEMENTS IN OFFICE -- THE PARTY WILL SEEK TO ENHANCE ITS IDENTIFICATION WITH THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES IN THE CARIBBEAN AND AFRICA THROUGH THE PRESENCE OF A GAGGLE OF

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INVITEES. ACCORDING TO A STATEMENT BY PNP GENERAL

SECRETARY D.K. DUNCAN, INVITATIONS HAVE BEEN
SENT TO VARIOUS PARTY ORGANIZATIONS IN ANGOLA,
BARBADOS, COSTA RICA, CUBA, GUYANA, MEXICO, PANAMA,
TANZANIA, TRINIDAD, VENEZUELA, AND TO THE ORGAN-
IZATION OF AFRICAN UNITY. (THE STAR FOREIGN
ATTENDEE AT LAST YEAR'S CONFERENCE WAS MANVEL
PINEIRO LOSADA, CHIEF, AMERICAN DEPARTMENT OF THE
CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE CUBAN COMMUNIST PARTY.)

3. THE FIRST THREE DAYS OF THE CONFERENCE WILL
DOUBTLESS SEE MUCH MORE SERIOUS WORK DONE BY THE
PNP. FOR EXAMPLE, THE PARTY'S EXECUTIVE COM-
MITTEE WAS AUTHORIZED AT LAST YEAR'S CONFERENCE
TO REVIEW THE PERFORMANCE OF THE PNP'S MPS, AND
ANY CONSIDERATION OF THIS PROCESS - AND ITS
RESULTS -- WILL GAIN ADDED MOMENT WITH GENERAL
ELECTIONS TO BE HELD BEFORE ANOTHER ANNUAL CONFER-
ENCE IS HELD.

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